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SUBJ: VOLUNTEER AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL TEAM

REF: A. CANBERRA 2634

B. MANILA 5669

1. REF A DESCRIBES OFFER BY PRIVATE AUSTRALIAN GROUP TO FIELD RELATIVELY SELF-CONTAINED, 29-MEMBER MEDICAL TEAM TO ASSIST IN CARE OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AT CLARK AFB IN PHILIPPINES. REF B NOTES THAT VIETNAMESE REFUGEES EXPECTED TO BE CLEARED OUT OF CLARK BY APPROX MAY 2 AND ASKS DEPT TO INFORM CANBERRA ASAP WHETHER MEDICAL TEAM NEEDED ON GUAM OR WAKE.

2. APPRECIATE MULTIPLE CONCERNS AMBASSADOR DEAN BROWN'S SPECIAL INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE IS FACING IN HANDLING LARGE NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AT VARIOUS STAGES OF RESCUE FROM VIET-NAM AND TRANSPORTATION TO CENTERS IN U.S. HOWEVER, EMBASSY RECEIVING NUMEROUS CALLS FROM AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL TEM, ASKING WHETHER AND WHEN THEY WILL HAVE DE-

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CISION ON THEIR USE. OFFER WAS GENEROUS ONE INVOLVING

HIGHLY-MOTIVATED PEOPLE WITH NUMEROUS PRESSING COMMITMENTS
WHICH THEY HAVE SET ASIDE OUT OF DESIRE TO HELP.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IF THERE WILL BE NO RPT NO NEED
FOR AUSTRALIAN PRIVATE MEDICAL TEAM FOR WORK WITH VIET-
NAMESE REFUGEES, REQUEST WE BE SO INFORMED ASAP, SO THAT
WE CAN RESPOND APPROPRIATELY TO THEM.
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